Persuasive RAFT Project

Differentiated Instruction

K. Sobotka/ CMHS

Instructions

Students will group into pairs of four (4). Each group will get a RAFT guide; between the members of the groups, students will assign their own role. The student is responsible for completing their topic keeping in mind the audience and format.

Student groups should be based upon the member’s Sternberg Intelligences results.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **ROLE** | **AUDIENCE** | **FORMAT** | **TOPIC** |
| Student | School Administration | Proposal (written) | You are a member of a student committee at the high school who is in charge of making important decisions based on the needs of the students. Your principal has decided to grant your request to extend Christmas Break by two weeks; however, his only condition is that the ten school days that will be missed are replaced within the year. |
| School Administrator | Student Council Officers | Student Council Meeting (informal speech) | The school board wants to incorporate an on-line classroom aspect to each student’s schedule. As part of the student/ teacher committee responsible for making decisions regarding student welfare, design a plan that will put a specific subject on-line and how to effectively conduct the on-line class in a computer setting in the high school. Make sure your idea is conducive to student success as well as pleasing school board officials and administration in your high school. |
| Local DJ (This DJ usually plays music for the high school dances.) | Student body and school administration | School Assembly (formal speech) | The principal has just informed the student body that music selections at the next dance will all be instrumental to avoid any music that has “interesting lyric choices.” You are upset; the kids love your material because you play the music they like. School dances are supposed to be fun and include music that is relevant to the students. You decided to propose a plan for censorship that will make students and the school administration happy. |
| Superintendant of board of education | Student’s parents | Meeting at the board of education | Due to a lack of funding from the state, the school board has just announced that they cutting jobs in the cafeteria and after school janitor services. A member of the school board suggested that students pick up some of the slack by rotating assigned duties in the cafeteria cooking/ serving food and after school clean-up projects; each student would be required to volunteer once a week performing either task. You are outraged by this idea; however there isn’t a lot you can do to change it. You decided that if you are going to volunteer, the hours spent volunteering should benefit the students.  Design a proposal for these volunteer positions, scheduling, and benefits (how the student will benefit or what the school will give the student) the student. |